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**Remark :** Although claims 6-9 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body (Article 52 (4)EPC), the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.